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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Political Research
Director of Current Intelligence
Director of Strategic Research

SUBJECT : Soviet Presence in Egypt

1. This morning the DCI and I met with Andy Marshall. Andy said that the Secretary of Defense would like us to do a paper on the Soviet presence in Egypt. The question came out of a visit which Schlesinger and Marshall had to Rota, Spain where they were briefed by three Navy commanders who headed the Fleet

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2. What is required is a paper on the Soviet military presence in Egypt, including Soviet forces, equipment, and bases; but, of course, should have enough political background to provide context. The emphasis should be on how this presence contributes to Soviet military capabilities in the area rather than how it contributes to Egyptian capabilities. It should cover in considerable detail the Soviet military presence of the last few years, currently, and how it is likely to change in the next year or two.

3. I am assigning OPR the primary responsibility for this paper and expect that OSR and OCI will provide appropriate contributions.

4. I made a firm commitment that we would deliver the paper by the end of January. I would like to have it finished much earlier than that if possible.

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5. This is to be a CIA paper, but I would like to have it shown to DIA to determine whether there are any major disagreements. Andy Marshall said that General Graham knew that he was levying this project on us.

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